

## Resources

# The National Marine Protected Areas Center's Online Library

### About the Library

A major feature of the National Marine Protected Areas Center website, [www.mpa.gov](http://www.mpa.gov), is the online library. Easily accessible from the MPA Center's home page, the library provides information, facilitates partnerships, identifies key needs and challenges, and encourages public participation in the design, implementation, and evaluation of MPAs throughout the United States.

### Mission of the Online Library

The MPA Library serves as a gateway for electronic access to information and resources on the science, management, and policy of marine protected areas for researchers, scientists, resource managers, policy makers, other stakeholders, and the general public. Resources include full-text documents and reports, citations to books, articles, and conference proceedings, newsletters, news articles, links to other websites, conferences and workshops, listservs and discussion lists, and more.



### Our Collections

The library includes four main collections:

*Reference List:* Citations and links to articles, books, manuals, research papers, reports, and proceedings on marine protected areas.

*Institutions and Organizations:* Governmental and non-governmental organizations involved in MPA research, analysis, and management with links to websites.

*MPA Websites:* Websites relevant to marine protected areas including academic courses, bibliographies, listservs, newsletters, MPA programs, images, legislation and regulations, news, and current events.

*Conferences and Workshops:* Conferences and workshops focusing on the management and science of MPAs.

### How We Gather Resources

Suggestions from scientists, policy developers, program managers and others involved in MPA planning and research may be included in the MPA library. Other resources are added based on searches of bibliographic databases and online catalogs, periodic Internet searches, and relevant listservs and online news sources. Each resource added to the MPA library is reviewed for authority, currency, accuracy, intended audience, and pertinent subject matter. The MPA Library welcomes recommendations for additions. To send in your comments, write to [mpalibrary@noaa.gov](mailto:mpalibrary@noaa.gov).



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## Upcoming Features

Some exciting additions are being planned for the MPA Library website. They include:

- \* A comprehensive, searchable database of MPA literature
- \* A section on grants and funding opportunities
- \* A comprehensive physical repository of MPA resources
- \* Digitized and archived reports and documents generated by the MPA Center
- \* Increased availability of online, full-text documents
- \* GIS tools and maps

**For additional information, visit [www.mpa.gov](http://www.mpa.gov) or contact:**

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The MPA Library is staffed by librarians at the NOAA Central Library in Silver Spring, Maryland, and the NOAA Coastal Services Center Library in Charleston, South Carolina, working in collaboration with the National MPA Center and its MPA Institutes for Science and for Training and Technical Assistance.



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